

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dr. Henry A. McKinnell
Chairman of the Board and CEO
Pfizer, Inc.
235 East 42nd Street
New York, NY 10017

Dear Dr. McKinnell:

We are writing to express our serious concerns at the intimidation being directed against Pfizer Vice President Peter Rost as a direct result of his decision to speak out against the pharmaceutical industry's opposition to prescription drug importation, and his acknowledgement that importation can be done safely and can save money for consumers.


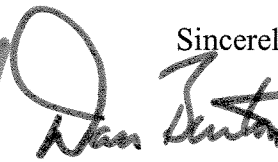


If this is true, yesterday's interrogation, during which attorneys demanded details of private conversations with Members of Congress and their staffs, was clearly intended to intimidate Dr. Rost, who has acted within his rights and individual liberties as a private citizen in criticizing the pharmaceutical industry's stance against importation.

It is the height of hypocrisy for a company that encourages its employees to engage in political matters to retaliate against an employee who is expressing his own policy views on his own time. Dr. Rost has been repeatedly encouraged, as an employee, to support political positions and to make specific political financial contributions.

Dr. Rost has made it clear that his statements about drug importation are his personal views as a private citizen, expressed on his own time and using his own resources. He should in no way be singled out and intimidated as a result of his health policy views differing from that of his employer.

We strongly encourage Pfizer to cease these practices of intimidation.

Sincerely,

			
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cc: Pfizer Board of Directors